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THE INDUSTRIAL VOTE

It was ten years ago last month that Daniel De Leon, in an address on the "Burning Question of Trade Unionism" pointed out that the "parliament of the future society, of Socialism, would be composed of representatives elected, not from political, but from industrial constituencies. That address, an epoch-marker, is worth any man's study, and no man's study more so than his who is in the Labor Movement. About a year later the Industrial Workers of the World was launched, a labor organization which recognized the ultimate aim of "industrial legislation," that is, that of the workers determining industrial affairs, of their electing representatives from the industries to carry on affairs, instead of electing representatives from political districts.

MACHINE POLITICS

Between the Old party (Republican and Democrat) political machine and the new party (Lewis-Brooks) political machine, the people of Alaska will get enough corrupt politics this summer to last them for awhile. The bosses in control of the Democrat party require any one offering to vote in the Democratic primaries to sign the pledge and agree to abide by the result of the proxy convention at Sitka way.

Lena Morrow Lewis got herself appointed Territorial Secretary so that she could get the handling of the nominating of a candidate into her hands. She had each person who voted sign their name on the back of the ballot, and now she knows how each man voted. Which party is working for Democracy.

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DANIEL DE LEON
PASSES AWAY

Foremost American Socialist Dies of Heart Disease

Daniel De Leon for twenty-four years a member of the Socialist Labor Party and for twenty-two years editor of the Weekly People, the official organ of the Socialist Labor Party, died on Monday, May 11, at Mount Sinai Hospital, N. Y. of septic endocarditis. He is survived by Mrs. De Leon and five children, Solon, Florence, Genser, Gertrude and Donald.

Daniel De Leon was born on Dec. 14 1852 on the island of Curacao, off the coast of Venezuela. He came of an aristocratic Spanish family. His father, Solon De Leon, was a physician and wealthy landowner. As a child Daniel De Leon was brought up in keeping with the traditions and customs of South American feudal-aristocracy.

At twelve years of age he was sent to Europe to round out his education. He went to the school in Hildesheim, Germany, and later transferred to the University at Leyden. Spanish was his mother tongue, but he learned to speak English, French, and German with an equal facility; besides this, he read Italian, Du'ci, Portuguese, Latin and ancient Greek.

In the American Socialist Movement Daniel De Leon stands out as the one leading character. In the International firmament of leading Socialists he takes rank with Marx, Engels, Lassalle, Bebel, Liebknecht, Lafargue, Jaures, Guesde. If we would judge of the task to which Comrade De Leon set himself we could do no better than turn to his preface to "The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte," a work which he translated from the German by Karl Marx. In that preface, written in 1897, we get this passage:

"The recent Populist uprising; the more recent 'Debs Movement'; the thousand and one utopian and chimerical notions that are flaring up; the capitalist maneuvers; the hopeless, helpless grasping after straws, that characterize the conduct of the bulk of the working class; all of these, together with the empty-headed ominous figures that are springing into notoriety for a time and have their day, mark the present period of the Labor Movement in the nation a critical one. The best information acquirable, the best mental training obtainable are requisite to steer through the existing chaos that the death-tainted social system of today creates all around us. To aid in this mental training and much needed information, this instructive work [Eighteenth Brumaire] is now made accessible to English readers, and is commended to the serious study of the serious."

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ADDRESS BY G. W. PENNING-
TO GRADUATES

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of Good Advice

(Continued from last issue)

But attainment! ah! that's the thing attainment! Even the most phlegmatic mind can perceive the beauty and feel the allurements of a lofty philosophy, but one and all of us echo the hungry cry, attainment! teach us how to attain to all this beauty, and my reply to that desire is the same as that which was given to the youth of Athens 24 hundred years ago by a beloved philosopher That council was, know yourself-control and direct your thoughts and you have the mystic power of the universe within your very grasp.

But you say how teach me how. Now perhaps because thought is in itself so intangible, and many of us have so little control of it, there is an impression that, direction or control of our thoughts is a difficult and abstruse affair, something that requires a great deal of hard study and much book knowledge to reach a desired result; but nothing is really further from the truth. It matters not how meagre your talents may be, how backward and uncultured you are, you possess the capacity within yourself to remake your intellectual nature, and I am sure if parents and guardians would devote their time and energy in teaching our young people a proper concept of thought control they would have to lay not the slightest stress upon the enforcement of obedience.

It requires but a trifling and simple lesson indeed to teach us what pure and lofty thoughts are, and any young person taught to hold right thoughts, and expel wrong ones; taught to have fair control of their mental realm will require less external authority, they will merge into maturity pure-minded and truthful, because of having nothing to hide or repress. But how?

Well, to-night, we can give that question a very superficial reply.

As a method of cultivation I should urge that you begin each day with some lofty inspirational thought. I can recall nothing finer than the "sanskrit salutation to the dawn":

"Look well to this day
For it is life, the very life of life
In its brief course lie all the
Verities and Realities of your existence
The bliss of growth
The Glory of action
The splendor of beauty.

For yesterday is but a dream
And to-morrow only a vision.

But to-day well lived makes every
yesterday a dream of happiness
And every to-morrow a vision of hope.

Look well therefore to this day
Such is the salutation of the dawn."

Now when I urge you to cultivate a lofty concept of firmness of will and fortitude, and set for yourself a high standard of integrity, I do not mean that you shall pursue such a course in the hope, or for the sake of some trivial and delusive reward; why these things are of themselves, potent, brimful of reward; they are so rich in value, that the very joy of their attainment leads you to forget all idea of reward, and when you come to think of it, and analyze it, good purpose, proper conduct, merely for the sake of reward is not a high type of morality at all; it is the mere wraith, the shadow of morality.

Let your thoughts of justice, your regard for the right, the joy, and the improvement of your fellow creatures be so fine that all who come within the radius of your influence will feel its refining touch, and do not underrate your influence--your thoughts while acting most powerfully upon your own life, by no means exhaust their force in your own mind and body.

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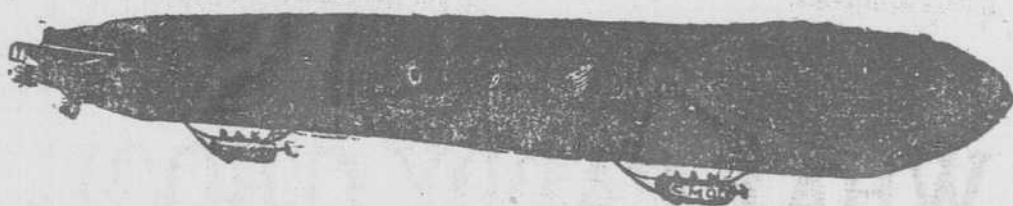
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